FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP)
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES

URBAN AREAS
In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2016 Appropriation for the Department of Homeland Security, Congress expressed its intent that the Secretary fund up to eighty-five percent (85%) of nationwide risk. In accordance with that intent, the Secretary designated twenty-nine (29) urban areas eligible for funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). This is an increase from the twenty-eight (28) urban areas eligible in FY 2015.

CONTROLLED AND PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT
On January 16, 2015, President Barack Obama issued Executive Order 13688, *Federal Support for Local Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition*, to identify actions that can improve federal support for the appropriate use, acquisition, and transfer of controlled equipment by state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The Executive Order specifically prohibits certain equipment from being purchased with Federal funds. The prohibited and controlled equipment rules have been included in this year's NOFO following the direction of Executive Order 13688 and apply to all grant recipients that request controlled equipment.

PROJECT-BASED APPLICATIONS
In FY 2016, the maximum number of projects that may be submitted within each investment is unlimited. The maximum number of investments that may be submitted remains at 10.

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM (CVE)
The Administration has placed a priority on countering violent extremism (CVE). The Administration's approach to CVE echoes the whole community approach to all-hazards preparedness and emphasizes and encourages partnerships with local community organizations, the private sector and other relevant partners. The HSGP allows a range of CVE activities and initiatives, and the Administration strongly encourages HSGP recipients to consider allocating grant funding to support CVE-related programs or projects. Examples of CVE-related programs or projects are provided in the FY 2016 HSGP NOFO.